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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - NORTH KOREANS TO NEW YORK

REF: STATE 224987

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT  
SPOKESMAN'S NOON BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 21.

QUOTE

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT THE NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER,  
HO TAM, HAS RECEIVED A U.S. VISA TO COME TO NEW YORK FOR  
THE UNGA?

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A: YES. WE RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FROM A GROUP OF  
NORTH KOREAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING HO TAM, TO ATTEND  
A MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH WE  
UNDERSTAND IS TO BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED  
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Q: IS IT CUSTOMARY PRACTICE TO ALLOW NORTH KOREANS INTO

THE U.S.?

A: THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE AN OBSERVER MISSION AT THE UNITED NATIONS, AND PERSONNEL OF THE MISSION ROUTINELY ENTER THE U.S. TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AT THE UN. IT IS THE PRACTICE OF MOST STATES, INCLUDING NORTH KOREA TO SEND ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS TO NEW YORK DURING SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE UN HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WE NORMALLY ISSUE VISAS TO THOSE WHO APPLY.

Q: HAS HO TAM BEEN TO THE U.S. BEFORE?

A: IN 1973, HE APPLIED TO ATTEND THE 28TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WE ISSUED HIM A VISA, BUT HE DID NOT COME TO THE U.S. END QUOTE

2. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE PRESS INTEREST IN POSSIBLE VISIT BY NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO NEW YORK. SPOKESMAN TOOK QUESTIONS WHICH ARE LISTED BELOW, TOGETHER WITH ANSWERS POSTED FOR PRESS AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 21.

QUOTE

Q:

WHAT IS THE EXACT DATE AND TIME THAT HO TAM WILL ARRIVE IN THE U.S. AND HOW MANY WILL BE IN HIS DELEGATION? WHAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS THE DATE OF HO TAM'S APPLICATION FOR U.S. VISA; WHERE WAS IT MADE? WILL HO TAM BE RESTRICTED TO THE 25-MILE LIMIT IN NEW YORK?

A: THE NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER HO TAM AND PARTY OF 12 HAVE REQUESTED AND HAVE BEEN GRANTED VISAS. WE DO NOT HAVE PRECISE INFORMATION ON TRAVEL PLANS. THE APPLICATION FOR THE VISA WAS MADE IN MOSCOW ON SEPTEMBER 15. THEIR TRAVEL WILL BE RESTRICTED TO A RADIUS OF 25 MILES FROM DOWNTOWN NEW YORK.

Q: IS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION INTERESTED IN HAVING ANY CONTACT WITH HO TAM? CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION POSITION IS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH ALL COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. IS THIS CHANCE FOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO HAVE CONTACT WITH HO TAM?

A: NO.

Q: WHAT IS U.S. POLICY IN REGARD TO NK'S ADMISSION INTO THE UN?

A: AS WE HAVE SAID MANY TIMES, THE U.S. FAVORS THE  
ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS TO THE UN WITHOUT PREJUDICE  
TO EVENTUAL REUNIFICATION.

Q: LAST MONTH, DURING PRESIDENT TITO'S VISIT TO NK, HE  
WAS ASKED BY USG TO CONVEY U.S. MESSAGE TO NK'S PRESIDENT  
KIM IL SUNG. WHAT COMMENTS ON THIS DOES THE DEPARTMENT  
HAVE?

A: PRESIDENT TITO WAS NOT ASKED TO CONVEY A MESSAGE TO  
KIM IL SUNG.

Q: WOULD HO TAM BE INVITED TO SECRETARY VANCE'S DINNER  
FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ATTENDING UNGA?  
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A: NO. UNQUOTE VANCE

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